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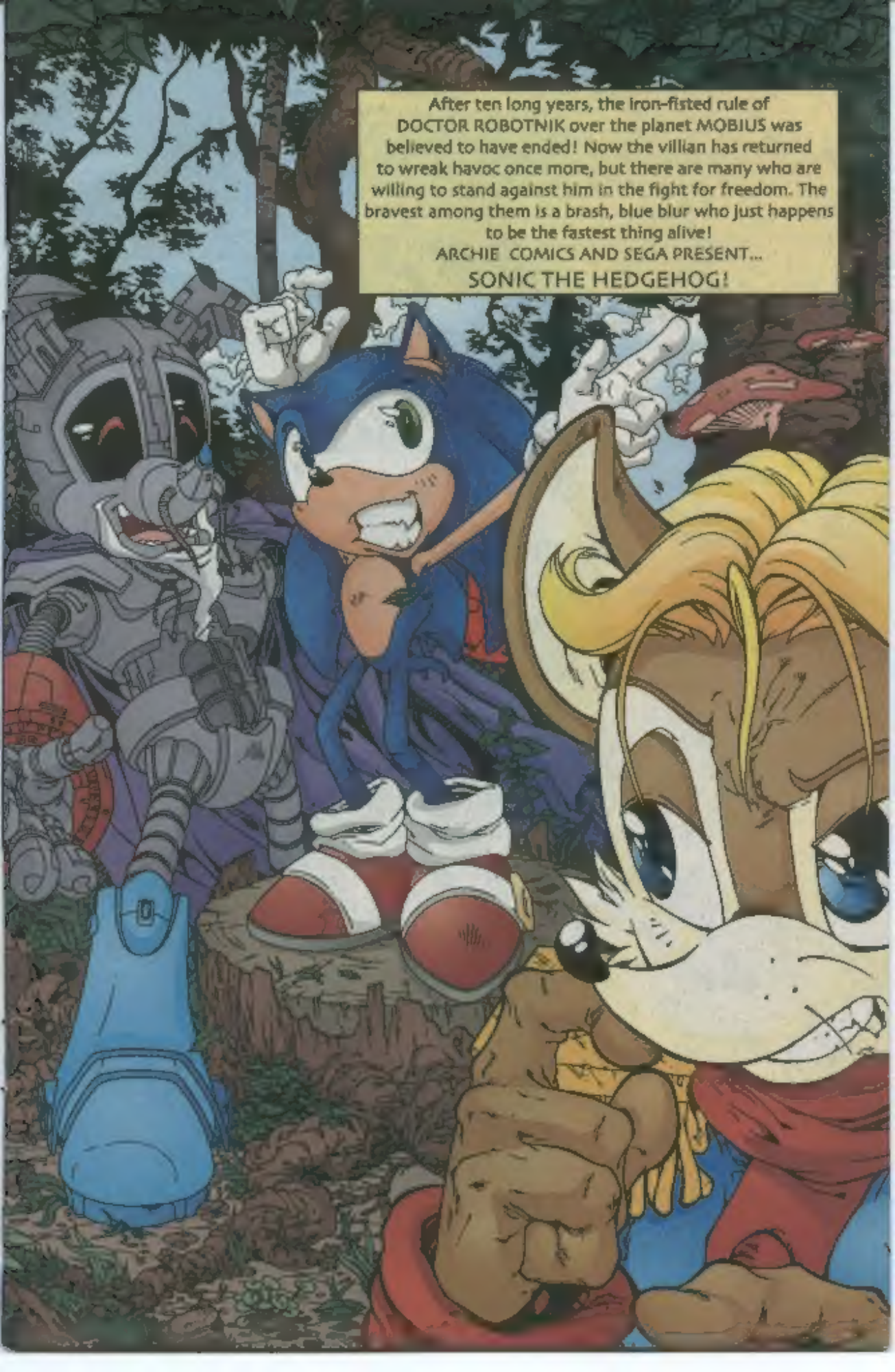
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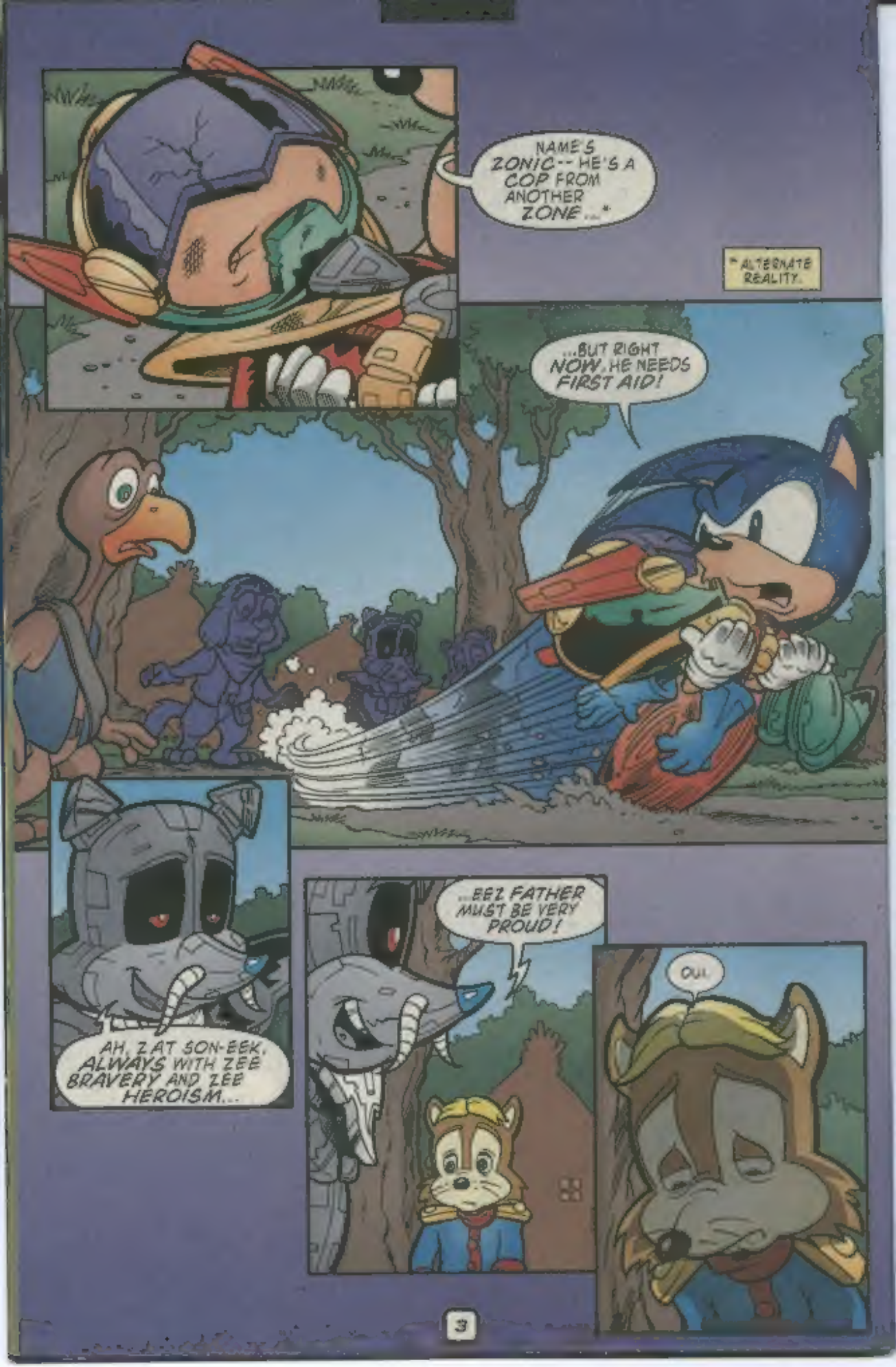
WATCH IT, GENERAL D'COOLETTE, I'VE SEEN THIS SPECIAL EFFECT BEFORE!
ZIP
OF COURSE, SON-EEK!
LOOKS LIKE I WAS RIGHT! IT'S BEEN A WHILE...
...BUT IT'S HIM FER SURE!
LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY LAID THE SERIOUS SMACKDOWN ON 'IM THOUGH...
SON-EEK...
...OOH IZ ZIS POOR STRANGER?


NAME'S ZONIC -- HE'S A COP FROM ANOTHER ZONE...*
* ALTERNATE REALITY.
...BUT RIGHT NOW, HE NEEDS FIRST AID!
AH, ZAT SON-EEK, ALWAYS WITH ZEE BRAVERY AND ZEE HEROISM...
...EEZ FATHER MUST BE VERY PROUD!
OUI.

MISTAKEN IDENTITY CRISIS! PART 2

WELL, DOCTOR QUACK...?

ZONIC'S BEEN THROUGH SOME PHYSICAL TRAUMA, SONIC. BUT HE'S GOING TO MAKE IT. WHAT I DON'T UNDERSTAND...

...IS WHY HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE YOU!

THAT'S BECAUSE HE IS ME.

ANOTHER VERSION OF ME FROM A PERPENDICULAR ZONE.*

* See SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #12.

I SEE. BUT WHAT'S HE DOING HERE?

MORE IMPORTANTLY, WHO HIT HIM ON THE NOGGIN'?

WHOEVER IT IS, HE'S ONE TOUGH CUSTOMER...
... AND WE WON'T KNOW HIS IDENTITY UNTIL ZONIC WAKES UP AND TELLS US!
SOON...
I WONDER WHO'D WANNA HURT OL' ZEE. LOTSA LOSERS, I BET!
HE'S BOUND TO HAVE AS MANY ENEMIES AS I DO.
SON-EEK!
YO, GENERAL DEE. WHAT'S UP, ANT?
WE MERELY WANTED TO PRAISE YOUR COURAGE, YOUNG EDGEHOG!
YOU MOVE QUITE LIKE ZEE WIND!

I KNOW. I KNOW...
...I AM WAY PAST COOL. HUH?
WAIT TA SEC! WHAT AM I DOING? ANTOINE'S DAD IS PAYING ATTENTION TO ME...
...AND TOTALLY DISSING ANTOINE! I'D BETTER DO SOMETHING!
BUT, ER...IF YOU WANNA CHECK OUT A REAL HERO, GENERAL, ANT'S THE MAN!
WE CALL HIM THE... UH...ORIGINAL FREEDOM FIGHTER! YEAH, THAT'S THE TICKET!
MY SON?
MOI?
SONIC, HAVE YOU FLIPPED ZEE LID? I AM NO HERO!
YOU KNOW THAT I KNOW THAT, HECK, ANT! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT...
...BUT YOUR DAD DOESN'T!
NOW LISTEN UP... -: whisper whisper :-
OKAY?
A BRILLANT PLAN, MON AMI!

WHY DON'T YOU KEEP *STROLLING* WITH YOUR DEAR, OLD DAD...

...AND I'LL BE *ALONG* *IN* A FEW!

?

MISTAKEN IDENTITY CRISIS! PART 3

BUT OF *COURSE!* SURELY YOU ARE A *GENIUS!*

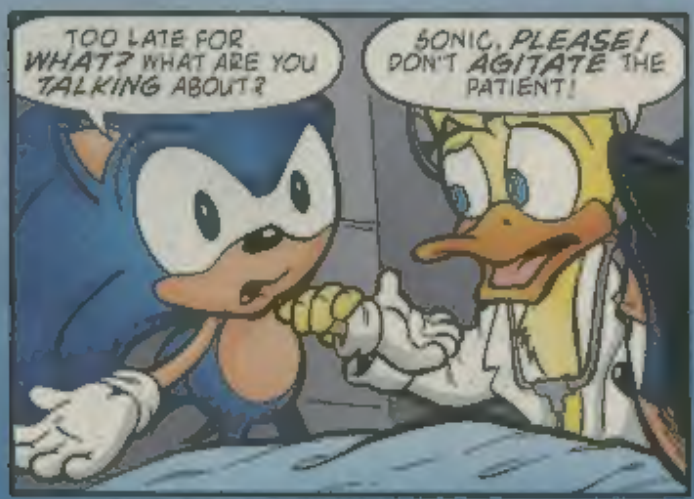
I *KNOW.* BUT IT'S SONIC, *NOT* "SHIRLEY," OKAY?

I CANNOT *WAIT* TO SEE WHAT SONIC AZ *PLANNED!*

JUST THEN...
SONIC! COME QUICK!

YOU-- I MEAN HE'S WAKING UP!
OHH... MY ACHING HEAD...

SONIC...?
SONIC? THEN I MADE IT! I'M NOT TOO LATE!


TOO LATE FOR WHAT? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
SONIC, PLEASE! DON'T AGITATE THE PATIENT!

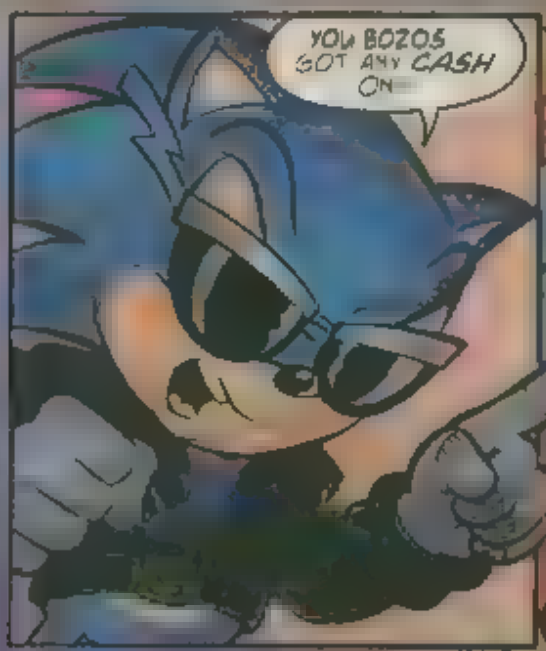
S'OKAY, DOC. I THINK HE OUGHT TO KNOW THAT ONE OF HIS WORST ENEMIES...

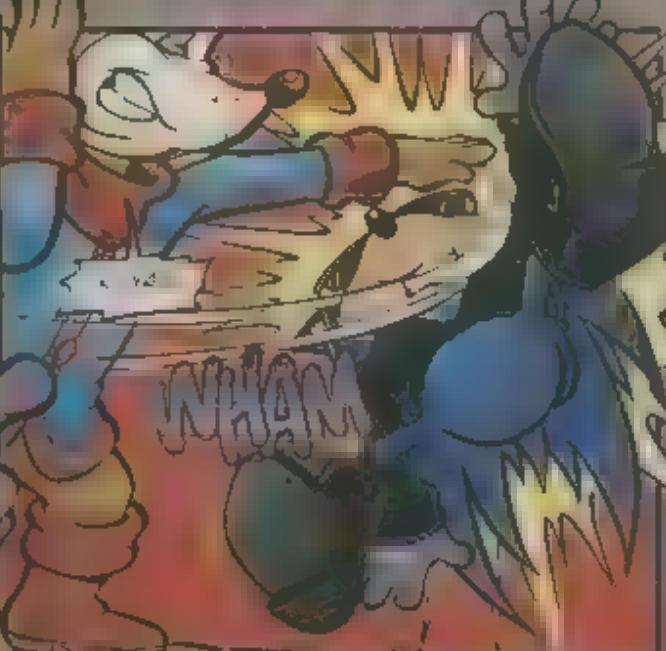
LOOSE THE ZONE
ROBOTNEEK LEFT ME NO CHOICE PAPA SO
I CHOPPED ZEE KARATE TO EEZ HEAD ZEN TO EEZ SHOULDERS AND ZEN-
BUT I AM NOT UNDERSTANDING ONE THING SON
ROBOTICIZED WHEEZ TOUCH?
OH! ZAT NEVER
MADE DA WHOLE THING UP! AIN'T DAT RIGHT WEASEL?

NOW WHO WANTS TO GET THE R BUTT STOMPED FIRST?

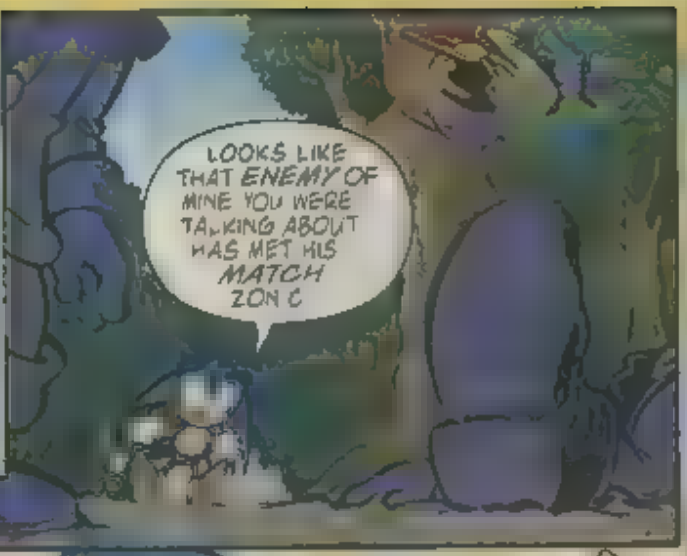
AMAZING! SONIC AZ DISGUISED AZ ZEE EVIL SONIC AND EEZ PRETENDING TO DO JS HARM!

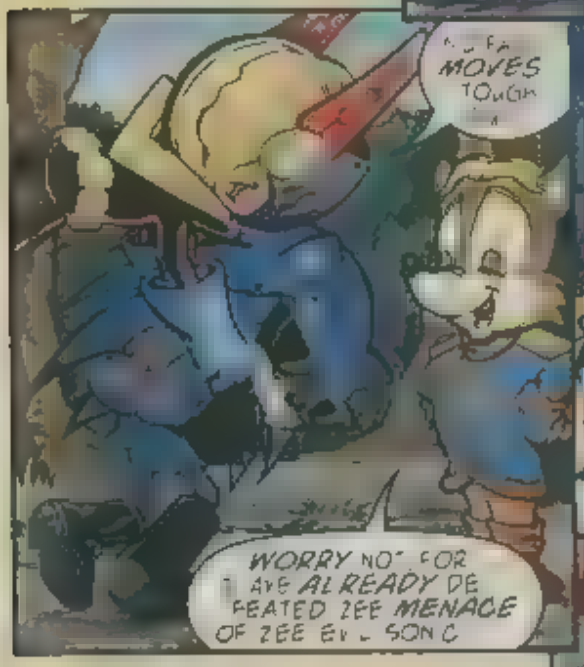
ZEE PERFORMANCE EE? OSCAR WORTHY





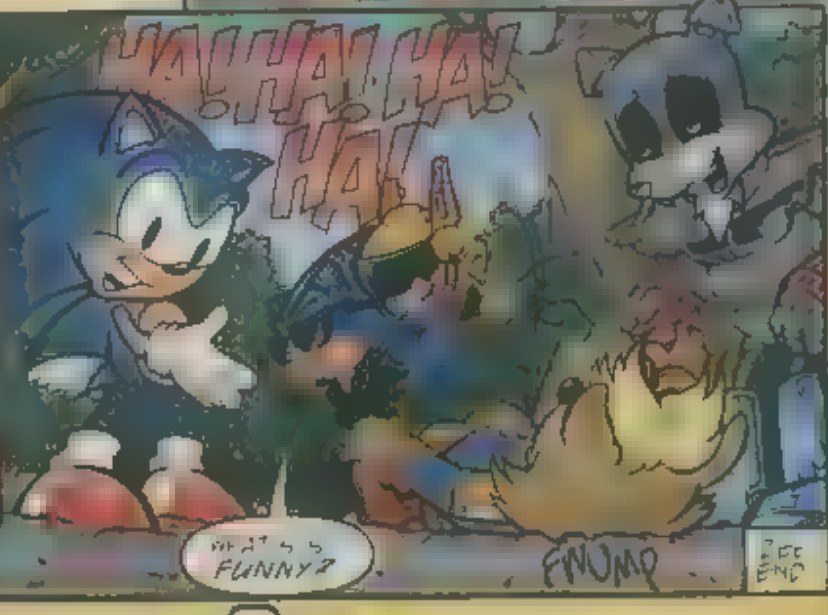
WELL ZAT TAKES CARE OF ZAT NOW?


LOOKS LIKE THAT ENEMY OF MINE YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HAS MET HIS MATCH SONIC


MOVES TOUGH
WORRY NOT FOR I AVE ALREADY DEFEATED ZEE MENACE OF ZEE EVIL SONIC

NICE WORK ANT
SANK

SONIC?!


HAHA! HA! HA!
WHAT'S FUNNY?
FNUMP
ZEE END

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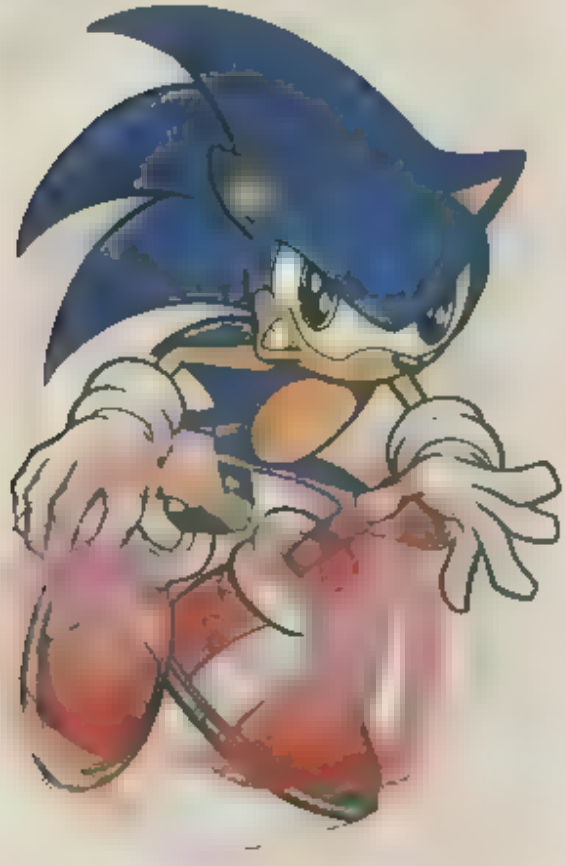
SONIC THE HEDGEHOG



FIRST APPEARANCE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0, February 1993
FULL NAME * Maurice Hedgehog AKA Sonic
(* Real first name yet to be revealed)
BORN 162 / 3220
HEIGHT 70 marks WEIGHT 7.2 stone
FUR Blue
EYES Green
KNOWN FAMILY Jules Hedgehog (father - roboticized), Bernadette "Bernie" Hedgehog (mother - roboticized), Sir Charles Hedgehog (uncle - roboticized)
KNOWN FRIENDS Princess Sally, Tails, Rotor Bunnie Rob-bot, Mina, Amy Rose, Antoine
SPECIAL EQUIPMENT Light-weight high friction resistant super velocity track shoes

Hi [illegible] Sonic was born during the early days of the Great War to a loving couple Jules and Bernadette Hedgehog He was originally named after his grandfathers, but soon inspired the nickname "Sonic" due to his constant running to get anywhere.

While a young toddler both of Sonic s parents fell victim to the evil despot Robotnik s roboticizer a device originally created for medical purposes by Sonic s uncle the renowned Sir Charles Hedgehog. Upon discovering how his device was used, Sir Charles renounced his scientific work and instead devoted himself to raising his nephew and operating a chili-dog stand

Sonic soon found himself befriended by Princess Sally whom he met while accompanying his uncle on one of his many visits with King Acorn during the Great War At one point the situation grew so desperate that a number of children including Sonic were sent off with Princess Sally and her guardians Rosie and Julayla to a sanctuary in Knothole Village.

Shortly after the Great War Warlord Julian renamed himself Doctor Ivo Robotnik, seized control of the kingdom and roboticized Sir Charles thus effectively making Sonic an orphan Upon learning what happened Sonic began striking back on his own, eventually finding himself being joined on his many acts of insurrection by many of his friends who also happened to lose their parents to the evil Robotnik s mad schemes

As the years passed Sonic firmly established himself as Robotnik s number one nemesis Having constantly thwarted Robotnik s plans numerous times, Sonic found the tables turned when Robotnik managed to engineer what appeared to be the death of Princess Sally and succeeded in placing the blame for the crime on Sonic So devastated was he by the loss of his cherished friend that when Sonic eventually faced off against Robotnik it was nothing less than a fight to the death.

Having vanquished Robotnik and discovering the Princess was in stasis during his ordeal, Sonic was soon reunited with Sally who then began organizing the task of restoring Mobotropolis to its original glory It was during this time that Sonic was not only reunited with his uncle Chuck but also his parents, all three still in roboticized form but now in full possession of their memories and free will

It didn t take long [illegible] Sonic to become thoroughly bored with the clean-up detail and decide to travel around Mobius alongside his best buddy Tails in search of adventure. By the time the pair eventually returned Mobotropolis had been rebuilt and a number of changes had taken place Soon after another more deadlier version of Robotnik appeared on the scene and resumed his conquest of the planet

Since then, Sonic has once again established himself as the premier foe of this most dastardly villain, and an inspiration to all in his constant fight for freedom.

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KNUCKLES

THE ECHIDNA

When Sonic first encountered the enigmatic echidna, not even Knuckles himself was aware of either the long, noble heritage he was born into or the current status of his people having spent the previous six plus years on his own as the sole defender of the Floating Island and Guardian of the Chaos Emerald. Before long, fate would intervene and begin filling in the blanks.

Knuckles' path in life was established centuries before he was even born, having descended from Edmund, the first Guardian. Sixteen generations later Edmund's descendent Locke would meet and marry the fair Lara-Le of the House of Arian. After a couple of years of happy wedded bliss, their son Knuckles was born. Unknown at the time to Lara-Le Locke had subjected the egg Knuckles was hatched from to an intense dose of Chaos radiation with the intention of enhancing Knuckles's abilities far beyond what his ancestors had achieved.

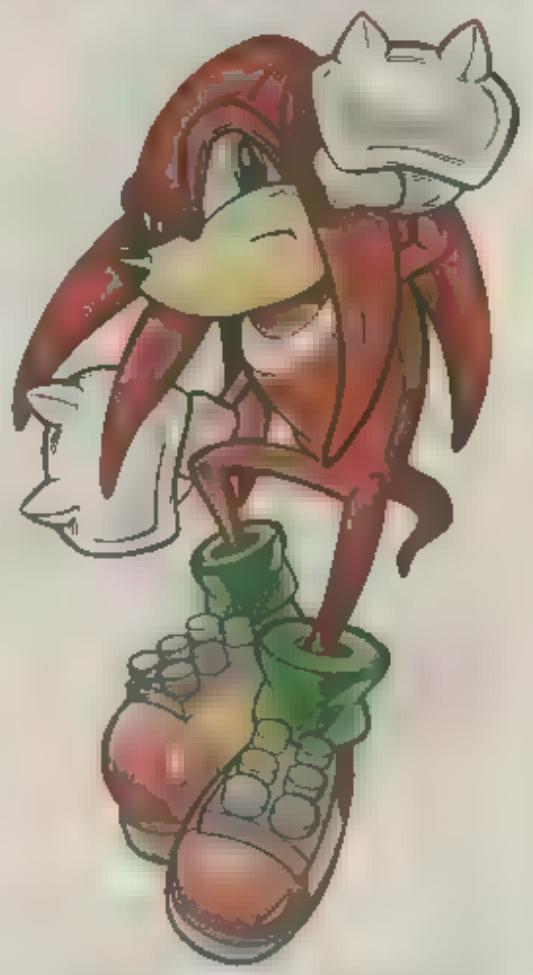
Before long, Knuckles displayed intelligence and capabilities unusual to find in one so young. When he was but three years of age it was then that Locke decided that his son's training as a Guardian should begin much against the wishes of Lara-Le. As time progressed, the disagreements concerning the raising of their child became so pronounced that by the time Knuckles was five, when Locke had decided to separate both himself and his son from echidna society and return to their homeworld on the Floating Island, it effectively ended the marriage between Locke and Lara-Le.

Due to a cataclysm that had occured almost two centuries ago, the echidnas – along with all the other inhabitants of the Floating Island – had relocated to the safety of another zone. When Locke and Knuckles returned, the first item of business was the systematic repatriation of the previous inhabitants other than the echidnas. It was during this time that Locke supervised his son's training, preparing him for the day when he would assume the duties and responsibilities of a Guardian.

Locke tutored Knuckles in history, mathematics, geography, the sciences and any other subject necessary to carry out the tasks expected of him. Although for the most part he led a somewhat isolated existence Knuckles made friends every now and then, sometimes in a most unexpected manner as was the case when he first met Princess Sally, heir to the Kingdom of Acorn.

Shortly after Knuckles' tenth birthday Locke was of a mind that Knuckles was ready to assume the role of Guardian and thus made the trek to the Forbidden Zone to join the Brotherhood in Haven, a group composed of several previous Guardians, all related through the same bloodline.

For the next few years, Knuckles carried out his duties as expected, his only friend a cockatoo named Catweazle with whom he associated with on a sporadic basis. By the time he met up with Sonic and Tails for the first time Knuckles' disposition had turned quite surly and it wasn't until he became



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #13, August 1994
FULL NAME: Knuckles
FAMILY STATION: Son of Locke of the House of Edmund, current Guardian of the Chaos Emerald
BORN: 251 / 3220
HEIGHT: 72 marks WEIGHT: 7.7 stone
FUR: Red
EYES: Purple
KNOWN FAMILY: Locke (father), Lara-Le (mother), Wynmacher (step-father), Sabre (grandfather), Jenno-Lu (grandmother), Athair (great-grandfather – current status unknown), Crystal-Lo (great-grandmother – roboticized)
KNOWN WORLD ALLIES: Julie-Su, Espio, Mighty, Vector, Charmy, Archimedes, Catweazle, Sonic, Tails, Princess Sally
SPECIAL ABILITIES: able to channel the power of Chaos Emeralds via the use of superior willpower, the limitations of this power are as yet unknown due to the mutation of Knuckles' physical body into its current state as a living Chaos Emerald

friends with Vector the Crocodile, Espio the Chameleon, Mighty the Armadillo and Charmy Bee that his mood began to change

It was also around this time that the fire-ant Archimedes stepped in to mentor Knuckles as he did in the same manner with Locke in his younger days. Shortly after their initial meeting, they would be confronted by Enerjak, who turned out to be the brother of Knuckles' deceased ancestor Edmund. Enerjak possessed abilities far beyond any echidna due to his exposure of Chaos energy via a device he himself created with the intention of restoring the Floating Island back to its original position on the surface of Mobius. Using guile and teamwork, Knuckles and Archimedes were able to overcome the threat of Enerjak, as well as the threat from those that soon followed, such as the Dark Legion.

Since then, the city of Echidnaopolis and all who dwelled within its magnificent structures have been restored to the Floating Island. Knuckles has been reunited with his family and learned of his history and life in general has gone on.

Currently, the process that began with Locke continues as Knuckles has evolved into essentially a living Chaos Emerald, possessing power far beyond any creature in existence. Ever though his ancestors were all able to channel the power of the Chaos Emerald to some extent, which also extended their lifespans far beyond that of the average echidna, none wielded the power more than a fraction of what Knuckles is capable of.

As he struggles to cope with his awesome abilities, Knuckles also tries to maintain some semblance of normality through his relationships with his girlfriend Julie-Su, his family and his friends. His mother Lara-Le has remarried, and with her new husband is currently expecting her second child. His father is still single and a key member of the Brotherhood.

As for the future of Floating Island and the echidnas in general, it is safe to say that Knuckles will continue to evolve into a position of being a key player with major implications far beyond the limited scope of his original role.

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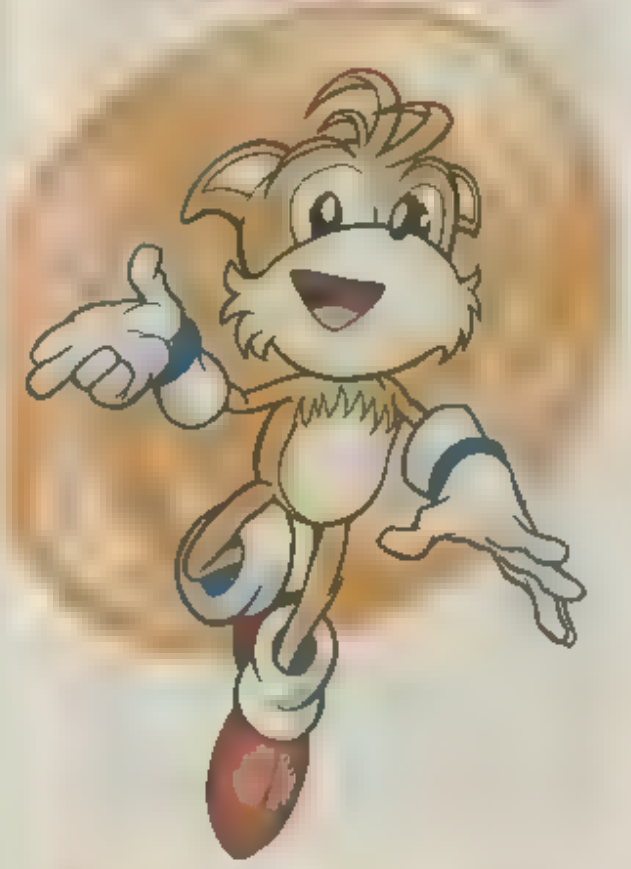
TAILS



FIRST APPEARANCE: SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #0, February 1993
FULL NAME: Miles Prower AKA Tails
BIRTH: 297 3225
HEIGHT: 56 marks WEIGHT: 6.3 stone
HAIR: Orange
EYES: Light blue
DISTINGUISHING PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTIC: Has two tails
KNOWN FAMILY: Amadeus (father - roboticized), Rosemary (fate unknown - presumed roboticized), Merlin (uncle)
KNOWN FRIENDS: Sonic, Princess Sally, Knuckles, Amy Rose, Dulcy

HISTORY: As the noted Mobian author Webster Dickens once wrote: "It was the best of times, it was the not so best of times." And so it was the day Miles Prower was born into the world on a bright sunny day, just as his father Amadeus was roboticized after discovering Warlord Julian's plans to seize control of the Kingdom of Acorn. From that point forward, it would be another ten years before young Miles would know a world at peace.

During his formative years, young Miles developed a very close relationship with a hedgehog five years older than he known to all as Sonic. So attached was Miles to Sonic that rarely could you find one without the other, especially after Miles' mother Rosemary mysteriously disappeared one day. From that day forward they were inseparable.

Several years later, the status quo changed when Sonic began accompanying Princess Sally, Rotor and Antoine on missions behind enemy lines, hoping to do their part in the fight against Robotnik for what he did to their parents. Young Miles, by this time more commonly referred to as "Tails" because of his unique twin tails, very much resented not being allowed to come along on account of his junior status.

In an effort to placate the young cub fox, Princess Sally had Rotor build him a submersible vessel known as the Sea Fox. Eager to try it out, Tails discovered its one shortcoming. It couldn't work without oil. Since Princess Sally hadn't authorized any oil to be allocated for use in the Sea Fox, Tails was forced to rely on his own devices. After locating enough of the precious fuel to power the submarine, Tails would then take off in search of adventure.

One of the most heart-wrenching ordeals Tails experienced was his encounter with the beautiful and intelligent Fiona Fox, whom he fell in love with for the first time. So crushed was he upon discovering Fiona was a robotic creation of Robotnik's that it would be a long time before he would allow himself to be smitten by a girl again.

It was also during another of these adventures that Tails met up with the echidna Athair, the Ancient Walkers and the Downunda Freedom Fighters, all of whom would have some effect on his life in the years to come, having learned that he was now designated "The Chosen One", Mobius' greatest savior in its hour of need.

When Mammoth Mogul acquired the power of the Chaos Emerald, the situation appeared to be very grim until the Turbo-power manifested itself within Tails, the first physical sign that he was different from all others. Unknown to everyone at the time, however, it was during this battle that the Miles "Tails" Prower everyone knew and loved was mysteriously replaced with an exact doppelganger who believed that he was the real true Tails.

From that point on, everyone had assumed all was normal with Tails. It took a battle royale with a now Chaos-power enhanced Knuckles for Athair and Tails' uncle Merlin to learn the truth. After discovering the current Tails was not the original Tails, the pair conspired to maintain the secret until they could ascertain the whereabouts of their Tails. Since then, no one else has yet learned the secret, and it's only a matter of time before the fate of Miles "Tails" Prower becomes known.

HISTORY When Sonic first encountered Amy she was being held hostage by Robotnik as a means to bait him into a trap. It was also revealed at the time that she was his biggest fan, and the one responsible for sending him a large chunk of fan mail. After Sonic defeated Mecha-Sonic and freed Amy (as well as Tails) from the evil Robotnik s clutches, her devotion to him from that point on was beyond question. Even during the blue hedgehog s darkest moments, Amy would remain his stounchest supporter through thick and thin.

Originally she was born to a family of noble heritage in the Kingdom of Snottingham. So taken with the plight of the poor and the sick Amy s parents renounced their vast wealth using it instead to increase the welfare of those less fortunate. When they fell victim to Robotnik s agent General D Coolette, it was her father s brother known to all as Rob O The Hedge who took her in and cared for her during this sad time As conditions became more dangerous, Rob decided to send her away to a safer haven.

Due to his family s connections to royalty throughout the various kingdoms of Mobius, it was decided that the Kingdom of Acorn would be Amy s new home Thus, it was with a heavy heart that he sent her off on a treacherous journey with only Friar Buck to protect her during the weeks it took to cross the ocean and travel the land.

Once settled in among the citizens of Knothole Village, it didn't take Amy long to make her presence felt establishing friendships with Tails and Dulcy in short order. It also didn't take long to become frustrated with being shut out of a lot of adventures due to her young age a situation her friend Tails could well empathize with.

When the Freedom Fighters decided to embark on a journey to explore the Hidden City of the Ancients, they once more refused to involve Amy on account of her age After pointing out the fact Tails was the same age as her and he was going, they responded by acknowledging his experience on previous adventures as the pivotal factor Upset by this double-standard Amy decided to take matters into her own hands and utilized a power ring to speed up the aging process whereupon she was now physically if not mentally a sixteen-year-old teenager

Reluctantly the Freedom Fighters allowed her to accompany them on that and other adventures since. As for her intentions of someday marrying Sonic, she has kept those hidden from the others after watching how Mina was treated when she openly flirted with him, believing that some day she'll finally get her chance to win the heart of the greatest hero of them all.

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Amy Rose

FIRST APPEARANCE SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #25, August 996
FULL NAME Amy Rose Hedgehog
BORN. 186 / 3226
CURRENT HEIGHT 64 marks 5,9 stone
FUR Pink
EYES Blue
KNOWN FAMILY Rob O' The Hedge (cousin)
KNOWN FRIENDS Sonic, Princess Sally Tails, Dulcy, Bunnie Rab-bot

HIST ·RY The story about the Brotherhood of the Guardians actually begins several generations prior to its formation, at a time when the city of Echidnaopolis faced imminent destruction from a falling meteor. Aware of the danger, the scientist Kayla-Ha suggested harnessing the vast power of Chaos emeralds in order to lift the city and surrounding landscape heavenward in order to escape their dire fate. Generations later, her descendents - the brothers Edmund and Dimitri - would recommend to reverse the process and return the Floating Island back to its original site on the Mobian surface.

When the council elders governing the city deemed the brothers' plan as way too radical, Dimitri took matters into his own hands and began to syphon the energy from the emeralds, transferring the energy into his own being. Now drunk with power, Dimitri began to conceive how he would 'reshape the world to his own vision'. Alarmed at the behavior of his brother, Edmund fought back, aided by the fire-ants for reasons of their own self preservation.

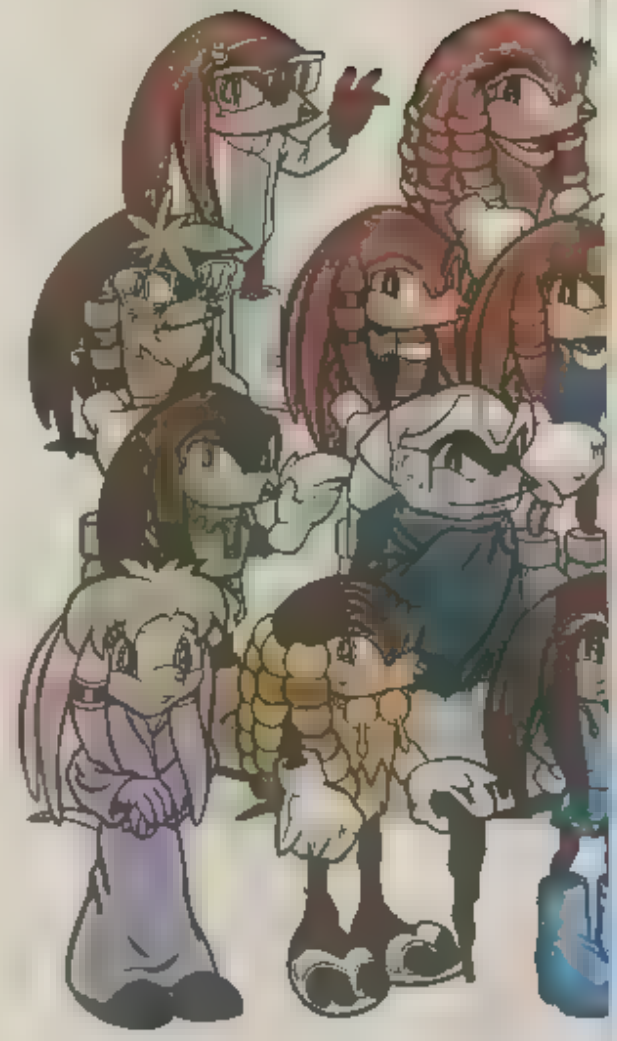
After Dimitri was defeated and left buried under several tons of rock, it was discovered only one Chaos emerald remained. Because that sole source of energy was all that stood between the Floating Island crashing to pieces on the planetary surface below and remaining airborne, it was decided a protector of sorts was needed to safeguard the Emerald for all time. Without hesitation, Edmund accepted the responsibility, mindful of the role his family had played in Echidna history to date, and thus became the first Guardian.

When his son and the city faced the growing threat of the Dark Legion, Edmund once again rose to action. His relative inexperience, however, would prove to be his downfall, leaving him susceptible to a deadly shot fired by an unseen assassin. Devastated, Edmund's son Steppenwolf was given shelter and training by the fire-ant Christopheles. Once he was pronounced 'ready', Steppenwolf followed in his father's shoes.

With the passage of time, Steppenwolf passed the mantle of Guardian to his son Moonwatcher, who in turn would eventually do the same with his son Harlan. It wasn't until Harlan's son Rembrandt christened their group "The Brotherhood" that an organizational structure began to take shape. What had once been a solo mission was now routinely a group effort.

All that would change dramatically when Rembrandt's son Aaron met his tragic end while defeating the Dark Legion's latest nefarious scheme. As the Guardians grieved over their loss, Rembrandt was approached by Aaron's twin brother Jordan, who requested that he be allowed to take his place.

After much discussion, it was decided that Jordan's sole duty would be Guardian of the Chaos emerald, prolonging the period of training before elevating him to co-equal status with the rest of the Brotherhood. Due to the side-effect of an expanded lifespan from frequent exposure to the Chaos emerald, the Brotherhood believed the extra years spent in preparation for their responsibilities could prevent further casualties among their own kind.



Jordan would remain a Guardian until he had prepared his son Matthias to take his place. This precedent would be followed by every generation from that point on. Matthias would in turn train his son Howling, who in turn would do the same for his son Tobor.

Three more generations would pass - Spectre, Thunderhawk and Sojourner - before the Guardians would welcome Janelle-Li, the first daughter ever born to one of their own, into their ranks. She would give birth to Athair, who become the first Guardian ever to renounce his station in life in favor of a greater calling.

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BROTHERHOOD OF THE GUARDIANS

Janelle-L would resume her son's forsaken duties until she succumbed to a mysterious ailment. Since Athair made it more than clear he was never going to be a Guardian, the position was given to his son, Sabre, who eagerly accepted the responsibility of carrying on in his grandmother's stead. Sabre, in turn, passed on the role to his son, Locke.

Over the past six plus years (according to Mobian time), Locke's son Knuckles is recognized everywhere as the current Guardian of the Chaos Emerald.

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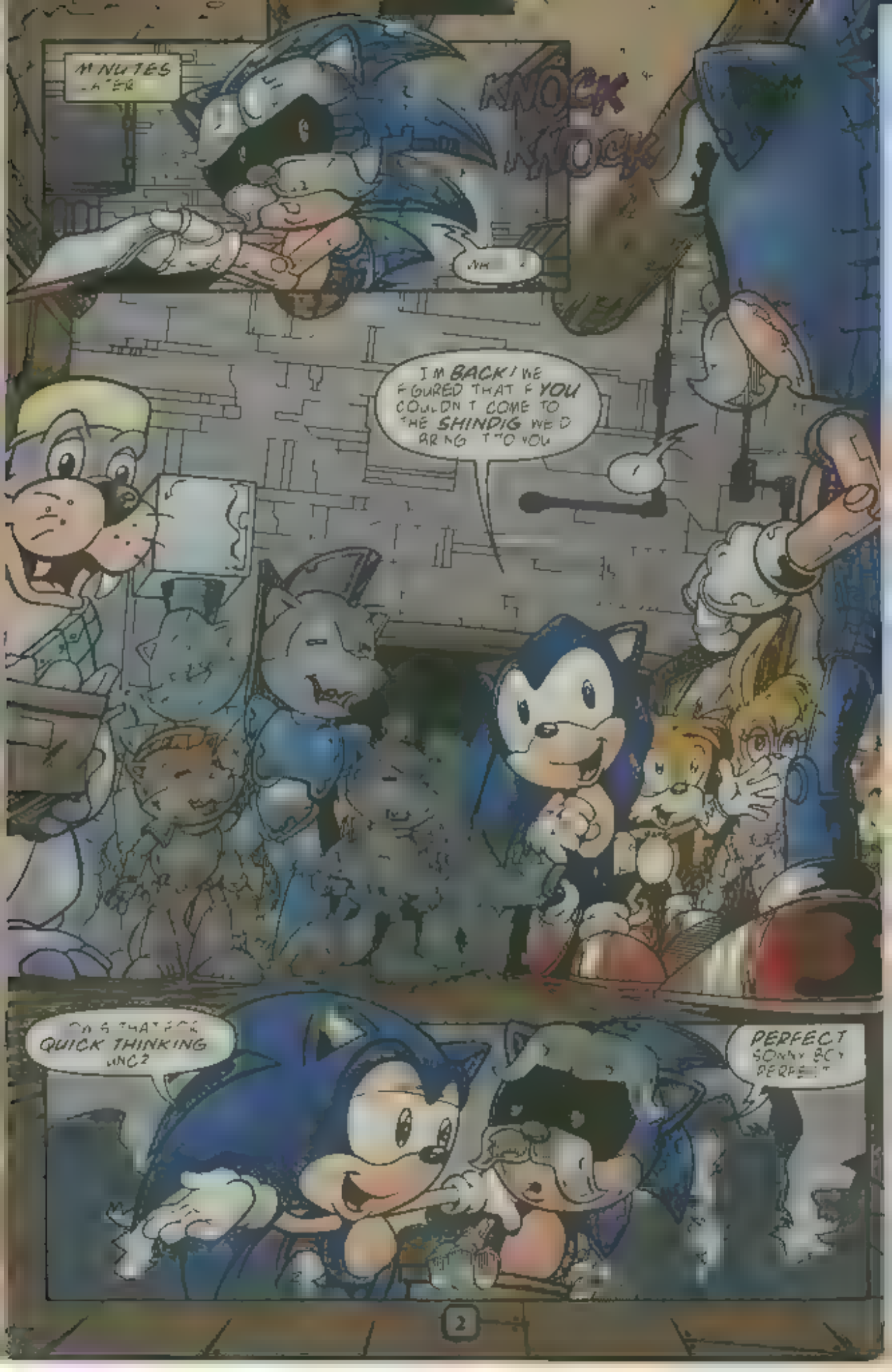
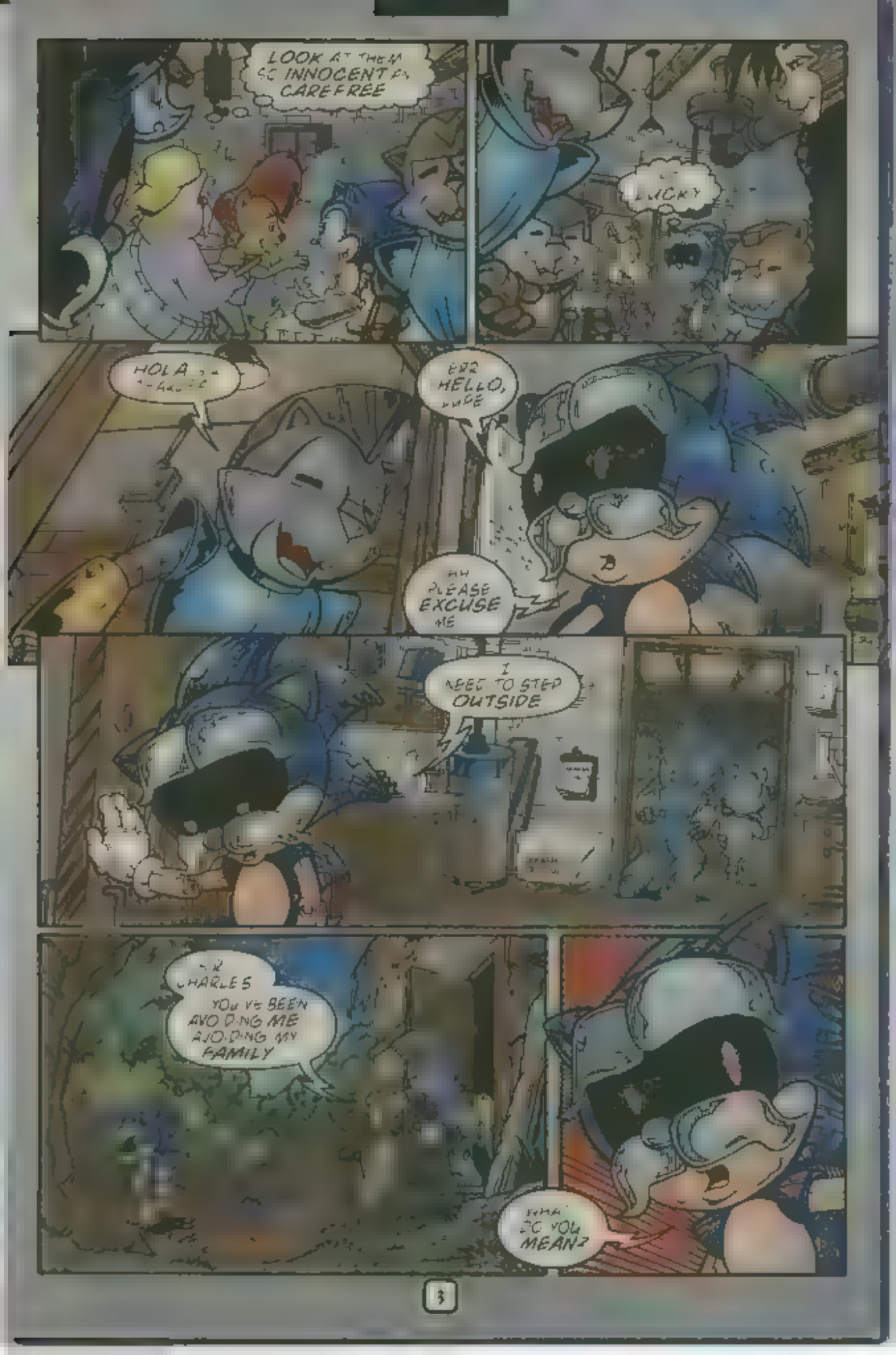
FORGIVEN
HEY UNCLE CHUCK, AREN'T YOU COMING TO LUPE AND HER FAMILY'S GOING AWAY PARTY?
I'D REALLY LOVE TO ATTEND SONNY BOY
BUT I'M SWAMPED WITH RESEARCH
PROB


MINUTES LATER
KNOCK KNOCK
I'M BACK! WE FIGURED THAT IF YOU COULDN'T COME TO THE SHINDIG WE'D BRING THE SHINDIG TO YOU
QUICK THINKING UNCLE
PERFECT SONNY BOY PERFECT


LOOK AT THEM SO INNOCENT & CAREFREE
LUCKY
HOLA
ERR HELLO, DUDE
AH PLEASE EXCUSE ME
I NEED TO STEP OUTSIDE
CHARLES YOU'VE BEEN AVOIDING ME AVOIDING MY FAMILY
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

REGAINED
WORD TO ME LOBO, OR THE KIDS
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT, YOU
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT? I ROBOTICIZED YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY WHILE UNDER ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL!"
BUT DON'T YOU SEE? THAT'S JUST IT!
YOU WERE UNDER ROBOTNIK'S CONTROL
I'LL BET YOU DON'T EVEN REMEMBER DOING IT
DOES THAT MAKE IT SOMEHOW EXCUSABLE?
NO ONE REMEMBERS THAT DAY BETTER THAN I DO. BELIEVE ME YOU WEREN'T YOU

I REGRET EVER INVENTING THAT ROBOTICIZER. IT ONLY MADE ROBOTNIK'S JOB THAT MUCH EASIER.
ALL I WANT IS TO BE FORGIVEN...
HOW CAN WE DO THAT...
...IF YOU WON'T DO IT YOURSELF?
LUPE'S RIGHT, SIR CHARLES!
I WOULDN'T ARGUE WITH PRINCESS SALLY, UNC!
LISTEN, AMIGOS LET THIS CELEBRATION HONOR SIR CHARLES AS WELL AS MY FAMILY'S JOURNEY!
THANK YOU, LUPE THANK YOU!
The End

SONIC GRAMS

Off Panel

THIS JUST IN!

Guess who's back?

JG, in the place to be... oh, you get the idea. Yes, your editor Justin "Freddy" Gabrie is back on editorials again. This time on a more frequent basis while Ken continues to run the letters page end of things.

First I figured I'd start things by telling you a little bit about me like... where did "JG" come from? Well, it's a nickname I received while working at SEGA that just grew a life of its own. I personally like it better than "Freddy," which is still used by all my high school buddies (but sometimes I feel like that's a name I grew out of, so to speak). Coincidentally enough, it also started out as a nickname I got from work at the local Burger King as a teen, which grew a life of its own. So now that you know something about me, I will now bring you to my next discussion.

INFLUENCES, Episode I

With Star Wars Episode II in theaters now (I saw the midnight showing and an afternoon showing two days later at a digital projection theater and yes, it looked as clear as a DVD, the difference being it was seen on the big screen), I thought I'd write about how all the Star Wars (SW) films have influenced me as well as this comic. First off, being an extreme Star Wars fan (I've got toys, books, comics, posters, etc. from all five movies), I spurt out lines from all the movies and delve deep into the mythology and the story that binds the original trilogy to the prequels. I realize that if not for these movies, I may not be doing what I'm doing now... comic books. George Lucas's work opened my eyes to the world of creativity. I began to create my own stories and as a Jedi Master once said, "... once you start down the dark path, forever will it dominate your destiny".

I shall continue to talk about this subject next month...

Until then "May The Force Be With You!" **JG**

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Ken Penders here so we can get to this month's mail, starting with a newcomer from over-seas, no less...

Hi!

I'm a new reader to your comic! In fact, #109 is my first ever issue! Why haven't I ever read your comic before, you ask? Well, the main reason is, I live in the UK! And why have I only just decided to start reading? Because the official UK Sonic comic went out of publication last December. I then had a 4-month anxiety gap, before I decided to regain my regular Sonic fix via your comic.

So, what do I think? I shall tell all!

The cover art is pretty cool (ha, ha) for a start! The pic on the first page is cool, too! (I'm guessing it was drawn by J.Aser, judging by those little lines on the characters' cheeks). As for Ron Lim's art, I think he's trying a little too hard to copy Manga-style drawing. 'I herd it through the pipeline' was just so-so.... (

J.Aser's art is immediately my favourite! He put so much detail into the drawings, and they look really good! I especially like the way he drew Sonic, although you only see him for a bit in 'The Crush' (great story!). I can't wait to see them draw a proper Sonic story!

'Reunification' had good art, and a good storyline, but I had to read it four times just to figure out what was going on (but when I finally did, it was great! By the way, why was Knuckles gravely?)! Stories like that can be very confusing for new readers! ^_^;

Anyhoo, I'm gonna keep collecting, so keep up the good work!!

Chris Van Kleeckens, UK

Welcome to our following, Chris. On the one hand, we best we can trying to make every issue something special that'll encourage new readers such as yourself to give it a try without overwhelming them with the fact we have 100-plus issues worth of continuity. On the other hand, the majority of our readers are aware of that 100-plus issue continuity and expect us to keep the ball moving forward. It's tough. So why don't you get back to us a few issues down the road and tell us how we're doing to keep you as a reader, okay?

Dear Sonic-Grams,

This is my first time writing a letter, so bear with me here... I really liked Sonic The Hedgehog #108. It had that "lightheartred" feel to it again,that feeling I had when I was reading the comic before Sonic The Hedgehog #50. After issue #50, things started to go downhill but I stuck with the book and I prayed that it would someday return to it's former glory. Boy, I think my prayers were answered when Sonic The Hedgehog #108 arrived at my door, with not one, but THREE stories in it, and a new writer for the main story as well. Gee, I don't think I could go living for a week with Robotnik, could you? The middle story was the best I've seen out of Karl Bollers since her last story arc "Crouching Hedgehog, Midden Dragon?", starring Hope. That story brought tears to my eyes. Last but definitely not least, Part 3 of Reunification! Boy, I didn't really think Kennington would ever resort to killing Knuckles, with everything they've gone through together. WHY would he do it? I guess we'll learn next time, but OVERALL I like where both Sonic and Knuckles are heading. The writers seem to be on track again,and with two fine artists on the book, it's a WHOLE NEW BEGINNING! Peace.

Alex Michelle aka SHAMboo

J.Aser and Dawn Best are sure something, aren't they? So is newcomer Danny Lee. So much so that Karl, Spec and I have to show we have so much gratitude each month and that's a good thing for everyone, yeah? The only quibble anyone might have with your comments is the three-story format. There's more than a few of you who wouldn't mind seeing full-length stories in these pages.

Dear Sonic-grams,

I want to take this opportunity to congratulate to both Dawn Best and J. Aser for finally joined the Archie Adventure Series as one of their talented artists. We hope to see more of their talented works in the future. They will always be the inspiration to us at artail.net and all the fan furry-artists around the world! Good luck to both of you!

Mathew Tay

Yeah, we kinda looked out with those two, didn't we? Both Karl and I felt some fresh blood was needed and everyone's been happy since. Look for better things from them in the months ahead.

And now for something of extreme importance to more than a few of you (or if I didn't have enough details to think about).

Dear Knuckles crew,

Since I posted a Knuckles family tree nearly a year ago on my Knuckles site, I actually didn't pay much attention to the answers printed in SONIC #109 until someone emailed me informing me of an error in my tree.

Back in the letters page for KNUCKLES #21, we're told (and I'm typing this straight from the comic): "Followed by Athur is his mother Janelle-Li, the first and only female Guardian, and daughter of Thunderhawk. Thunderhawk's father was Sojourner, who was the child of Spectre."

Now, I remember that there was an error once before in the KNUCKLES series with Kragok calling Horton Rex his father instead of grandfather, so I'm wondering if the letters page in KNUCKLES #21 is wrong or if it was a slight mistake, just like in SONIC #103 when it showed that there were two girls in the Guardian line (Janelle-Li & Sonja-Ra for the respective generations—I didn't think that was a big deal since I figured the answers would correct that and they did).

It's not a huge thing, but I figured I'd bring it to your attention.

Patrick Georges

I accept full blame for that mix-up, Patrick, as nobody but me had the whole line-up straight and I decided to do the family tree on the record. Once I saw that coloring mistake in #103, I knew I would be hearing about it before long. For the record, Sonja-Ra was never a Guardian, and the timeline for the Dark Legion side of the family doesn't necessarily track the same as the Guardian side after the birth of Mandrake and Juggernaut. In the fact a lot of their family time was spent in other zones which don't exactly use Greenwich Mean Time as a standard unit of measure. The major question yet to be solved is Kragok's child Iris, the character first appeared in the Knuckles series, and so, a lot of fans have revealed who the offspring is, which is why neither blue or pink were used as a clue who the character is. To date, I've heard from only one person who nailed it.

Dear Sonic Team,

This is in response to a letter in #110. I agree that Sonic should just stay the way it is. It doesn't need to look any more anime-like than it already does. If it isn't broken, don't fix it, don't mess up a good thing. I could go on and on. Anyway, I used to read Sonic when I was younger and I just started again. I find the new artist is great. As she continues to draw she probably get even better.

Sincerly the most way past cool Sonic fan.

Yves McGraw

I dunno, Yves. I've kinda grown fond of the more sonic-like style some of our artists have been gravitating towards. I suspect we'll be having this debate long past issue #200 and then some. As it is, we have only so much room on our letters page any given issue.

On that note, we'll continue with more of your comments and criticisms next issue.

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